

CITY AFFAIRS.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Last Night—Alderman Springer, President and Top Officers With Their Attorneys and Demanded Their Seats—The Demand Refused—Other Matters.

The board of aldermen met in regular session last night at 8 o'clock, those in attendance being Aldermen Green, Keith, Twining, Benson, Morrill, Hewlett, Norwood, Walker and Green.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

The following resolutions were submitted and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The volunteer fire department of Wilmington, N. C., have been as efficient and gallant a set of patriotic men as ever graced our city, and

Whereas, They have done more and better service without any compensation for the city than any set of people, and

Whereas, The insurance companies, guided by their rules, and not making an exception in favor of our fine volunteer fire department, threatened to increase the present rates of insurance, unless the city would organize a paid department, which would give our city a more complete protection than even the very best volunteer department could possibly afford to render, and

Resolved, That the board of aldermen, in order to protect the tax payers and fulfill their duty, yielded to the reasons mentioned above, have decided to relieve the volunteer fire department of their burdensome and perilous service, by substituting a paid fire department, be it, therefore

Resolved, That the board of aldermen voice the sentiment of the people and express their utmost gratitude to the volunteer fire department, and especially to those who remained at their post during the last hour of trial, for their service hitherto so nobly rendered; be it also

Resolved, That our gratitude and appreciation be expressed in order to do honor to our noble sons, to the memory of those who are dead as well as to those who are living, who often have risked their lives for the safety of our city. Be it further

Resolved, That this, our expression of gratitude, be entered in the minutes of this board so that the history of the deeds of the volunteer fire department of Wilmington, N. C., may live as long as our city by the sea. Be it further

Resolved, That all the daily papers of our city be required to publish the above preamble and resolutions.

B. F. KEITH,
H. H. TWIVING,
ANDREW WALKER,
Committee.

Mayor Wright, for the committee on fire department, reported that Assistant Chief H. P. Haney, of Atlanta, was here training in the paid fire department and things were progressing finely, and that Chief Schibben was in Atlanta receiving instructions from the department there.

Dr. Wm. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, was present and stated that under the new regulations for the department it deprived the street cleaning force of the horses and wagons.

Mayor Wright informed him that that would be arranged, and stated that under a regulation of the board of health, the digging and excavations would only be allowed in the city during the months of December, January and February, and Dr. McMillan added that hereafter the waterworks and gas companies could not disturb the streets without permission from the superintendent of health, and that no one could dig up the streets without permission from the board of health.

Several matters referring to street repairs were referred to the streets and wharves committee.

Alderman Keith, of the waterworks committee, reported that work was progressing on the artesian well of the waterworks company at Hilton, and that there was a prospect that we would soon have pure water.

On motion of Alderman Hewlett, of the ordinance committee, the market ordinance was so amended as to prohibit resident hucksters from having carts, wagons or other vehicles on the streets and alleys near the market house, that they do not operate against country carts and wagons.

A petition from J. A. Montgomery complaining of profane and vulgar language on the streets at Ninth and Market streets, was referred to the chief of police.

Building permits were granted as follows:

To Mrs. J. W. Barnes, to erect a two story frame residence on Market street, between Ninth and Tenth.

To J. D. Doshier, to erect two one-story frame houses on Second and Harriet streets.

To F. G. Panko, to erect a stable, with tin roof and corrugated sides and ends, on Second street, between Market and Dock streets.

To T. H. Wright, to erect five frame houses on Green and Anderson streets.

To G. M. Summerville, to erect a two-story residence on Fifth street, between Market and Dock streets.

To Frank P. Leitz, to erect a house on MacRae str. et, between Miller and Rankin streets.

To J. D. Steljes, to erect a frame store on L. and Market streets.

To Beach & Kelly, to erect a shed with tin roof and corrugated iron sides and ends, in rear of No. 822 Market street.

To Frank Leitz, to erect a house on Eighth and Campbell streets.

Privileges were granted for outside meat markets as follows: E. C. Woodbury, Fourth and Harriet streets; E. G. Barritz, 904 North Fourth street, provided they pay \$100 each, as required by the ordinance.

The bill of Geo. Honnett for \$53.33 for winding the city clock for seven months, was referred to the finance committee, and on motion bids were called for winding the clock.

Chief Schibben's monthly report was submitted, showing that during November there were 12 fire alarms, two of which were false, at nine of which loss was only \$50, and one at which the loss was \$1,000.

The city clerk submitted his report for November and it was placed in file.

Present in the room were Messrs. W. H. Springer, elected alderman from the Second ward; Owen Fennell, elected alderman from the Third ward; and Walter E. Yopp, elected alderman from the Fourth ward, at the city election last spring. They were accompanied by their counsel, Frank McNeill, Esq., and Herbert McClammy, Esq. Mr. McClammy addressing the board, stated that Messrs. Springer, Fennell and Yopp were there to demand their seats on the board. He went on to say that they had been elected to their respective seats, but pending the litigation as to which of the four boards of aldermen was the legal board, they had not appeared to take their seats. The supreme court recently decided that this board was the legal board, and until the record in court they had not come forward to exercise their rights. Mr. McClammy stated that while the matter was pending in court, the board of aldermen had filled two of the seats claimed by his clients, but they did not have the right to do so. He therefore demanded that they be given their seats respectively.

Mayor Wright informed Mr. McClammy that for three months notice had been given the aldermen elected to attend all regular and special meetings of the board, that they had failed to do so; that their seats had been declared vacant; that two of them had been filled, and the other would be filled soon. He then asked if there was any further business before the board.

Mr. John P. Garrell appeared before the board with reference to the market on Castle street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and asked to be allowed to continue it the year out, as he had paid the fee, had paid \$150 on the place, but on motion of Alderman Walker it was ordered that the \$100 be refunded immediately and the market be closed today. Mr. Garrell's money was then refunded.

The board then adjourned.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Last Day's Proceedings—The Appointments for the Coming Year Announced—Many Surprises and Disappointments.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6. Conference adjourned at 11:30 o'clock today, the closing and exciting part being the reading of the appointments.

All along through the conference session less information as to the appointments was known than ever before. It was all guess work with all preachers and laymen, save the presiding elders, and of course there were many surprises and disappointments.

Below I give you the appointments. I see some papers state it is likely Dr. Kilgo will be transferred and take work with the general board of education. There is not the shadow of truth in this statement. I never knew the conference more united on Trinity College in my life than now, and the fact that Dr. Kilgo led the delegation to the general conference shows that conference is with him in his heroic work for Christian education.

N. M. JURNERY.

THE APPOINTMENTS.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

E. A. Yates, Presiding Elder.

Raleigh—Edenton Street: W. C. Norman.

Kaleigh—Central: E. C. Glenn.

Raleigh—City Mission: T. H. Bain.

Cary Circuit—J. W. Jenkins.

Dayton Circuit—J. T. Draper.

Smithfield Circuit—H. M. Ormond.

Kenly Circuit—H. M. Jackson.

Millbrook Circuit—J. M. Ashby.

Youngville Circuit—R. H. Whitaker.

Franklin Circuit—G. B. Perry.

Louisburg Station—G. F. Smith.

Tar River Circuit—B. C. Alford.

Granville Circuit—J. M. Rice.

Oxford Station—M. H. Tuttle.

Oxford Circuit—K. D. Holmes.

North Carolina Christian Advocate—T. N. Ivey, editor; W. L. Grissom transferred to Western North Carolina Conference.

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. A. Cunningham—Presiding Elder.

Durham—Trinity: J. N. Cole.

Durham—Main Street: G. A. Ogles.

Durham—West Durham: R. W. Bailey.

Durham—Carr Church: D. N. Caviness.

Durham Circuit—J. H. McCracken.

Hillsboro Circuit—J. M. Terrell.

Chapel Hill Station—N. H. D. Wilson.

Leasburg Circuit—J. B. Thompson.

Roxboro Circuit—N. E. Coltrane.

Mt. Tirzah Circuit—R. H. Broom.

Burlington, Graham and Haw River—L. E. Thompson, M. J. Hunt.

and one to be supplied by J. A. Daily.

Edlington Circuit—J. M. Rice and R. F. Taylor.

Alamance Circuit—B. C. Thompson.

Milton Circuit—E. W. Fox.

Yanceyville Circuit—J. W. Tilley.

President Trinity College—J. C. Kilgo, member of Main Street Quarterly Conference.

Conference Colporteur and Sunday School Agent—T. J. Gattis, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

F. A. Bishop, Presiding Elder.

Hay Street, Campbellton and Rose Church—J. O. Guthrie, B. H. Black, E. C. Sell.

Cumberland Circuit—L. M. Chaffin.

Cokesbury Circuit—G. W. Starling.

Sampson Circuit—D. B. Parker.

Lillington Circuit—W. F. Craven.

Buckhorn Circuit—H. G. Stamey.

I. W. Arent, sup.

Dunn Circuit—L. S. Chafin.

Newton Grove Circuit—W. F. Galoway.

Cape Fear Circuit—A. J. Groves.

Pittsboro Circuit—L. E. Thompson.

Haw River Circuit—W. H. Puckett.

Deep River Circuit—B. B. Holder.

Siler City Circuit—W. F. Craven.

Carthage Circuit—Z. T. Harrison.

Jonesboro Circuit—D. L. Barnhardt.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, Presiding Elder.

Rockingham Station—J. H. Page.

Rockingham Circuit—J. M. Lowder.

Richmond Circuit—J. P. Pate.

Mt. Gilead Circuit—W. W. Rose.

Pekin Circuit—J. W. Strider.

Prospect Circuit—R. A. Bruton.

Asbury Circuit—N. H. Guyton.

Aberdeen Circuit—J. B. Thompson.

St. John's Station—M. D. Hix.

Laurinburg Station—F. M. Shambur.

Maxton and Caledonia—M. Bradshaw.

Red Springs Circuit—J. W. Wallace.

Lumberton Circuit—J. D. Bundy.

Robeson Circuit—E. Pope, 3; R. W. Townsend, sup.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. C. Beaman—Presiding Elder.

Wilmington—Grace: A. P. Tyler.

Wilmington—Fifth Street: W. L. Cunningham.

Wilmington—Bladen Street: G. D. Langston.

Wilmington—Market Street: A. Barnes.

Scott's Hill Circuit—W. H. Townsend.

Onslow Circuit—J. A. Rouse.

Jacksonville and Richlands—W. A. Forbes.

Magnolia Circuit—L. S. Ethridge.

Kenansville Circuit—G. W. Fisher.

Burgaw Circuit—D. A. Futrell.

Clinton Circuit—D. C. Geddie.

Bladen Circuit—W. A. Jenkins.

Elizabeth Circuit—C. P. Snow.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff—A. R. Raven.

Waccamaw Circuit—Supplied by J. M. Marlowe.

Brunswick Circuit—J. J. Porter.

Southport Station—H. B. Anderson.

Carver's Creek Circuit—C. W. Smith.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

W. S. Rone—Presiding Elder.

New Bern—Centenary: R. B. John.

Goldboro—St. Paul: F. D. Swindell.

Goldboro—St. John: J. E. Bristow.

Goldboro Circuit—M. M. McFarland.

Mt. Olive Circuit—T. H. Sutton.

LaGrange Circuit—J. H. Sutton.

Snow Hill Circuit—L. J. Holden.

Kinston Station—J. A. Lee.

Grifton Circuit—M. T. Piyler.

Jones Circuit—Supplied by J. M. Benson.

Craven Circuit—W. J. Crowson.

Vanceboro Circuit—Supplied by F. E. Dixon.

N. M. Jurney, Agent Trinity College.

Pamlico Circuit—H. E. Tripp.

Cartaret Circuit—G. T. Simmons.

Morehead Station—L. S. Massey.

Beaufort Station—D. H. Tuttle.

Straits Circuit—T. J. Browning.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—B. R. Hall.

Washington Station—J. E. Underwood.

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Washington Circuit—W. F. Jones.
Aurora Circuit—C. O. DuRant.
Swan Quarter Circuit—E. H. Davis.
Mattamuskeet Circuit—J. T. Bagwell.

Fairfield Station—G. T. Adams.
Greenville Station—N. M. Watson.
Ayden Circuit—Supplied by L. O. Wyche.

Greenland Circuit—Supplied by N. L. Seabolt.
Bethel Station—B. B. Culbreth.
Tarboro Station—R. F. Bumpass.
Conetoe Circuit—R. H. Willis.
Rocky Mount Station—R. J. Moorhead.

Rocky Mount Circuit—A. D. Betts.
Nashville Circuit—H. J. Humble.
Wilson Station—J. B. Hurley.
Fremont Circuit—C. P. Jerome.
Ocracoke and Portsmouth—S. T. Moyle.

WARRENTON DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—J. T. Gibbs.
Warrenton Circuit—L. H. Nash.
Warren Circuit—J. Sanford.
Ridgway Circuit—T. J. Daily.
Henderson Station—A. McCullen.
Littleton Circuit—P. L. Hermon.
Weldon Station—O. Ryder.

Roanoke Circuit—J. E. Wright.
Roanoke Rapids—J. H. Frielle.
Halifax Circuit—J. T. Abernethy.
Battleground and Whitakers—E. E. Rose.

Scotland Neck Circuit—Rufus Bradley.
Willamston, Hamilton and Jamesville—G. W. Fisher.
Garysburg Circuit—J. D. Pegram.
Northampton Circuit—A. R. Goodchild.

Rich Square Circuit—J. R. Sawyer.
Meherrin Circuit—Phillip Greening.
Murfreesboro Station—J. L. Rumsley.
Harrisville Circuit—J. C. Jones.
Berkeley Circuit—J. H. Tillery.

Littleton Female College—J. M. Rhodes, president.
Chaplain U. S. Navy—W. E. Edmonson.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
R. A. Willis, Presiding Elder.
Elizabeth City Station—J. H. Hall.
Pasquotank Circuit—W. E. Hocutt.
Camden Circuit—A. J. Parker.
South Camden Circuit—J. Y. Olds.
Currituck Circuit—J. H. M. Giles.
North Gates Circuit—C. W. Robinson.

Gates Circuit—F. B. McCall, C. R. Taylor, sup.
Perquimans Circuit—W. C. Merritt.
Hertford Station—Oliver Rider.
Chowan Circuit—J. A. Hornaday.
Plymouth Station—J. L. Cunningham.

Raner Station—E. H. Davis.
Patego Circuit—S. Leffers.
Columbia Circuit—W. D. Sasser.
Dare Circuit—W. J. Everton.
Roanoke Island—W. J. Barker.
Kitty Hawk Circuit—Supplied by J. W. Gurganus.

Kennebec Circuit—D. A. Watkins.
Hatteras Circuit—J. Y. Joyner.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.
Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners Yesterday—Chalman Foster Re-elected Jurors—Win for the Criminal and Superior Courts.

The board of commissioners of New Hanover county held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon, the members in attendance being Chairman Foster and Commissioners Dempsey, Alexander and Nixon. Absent Commissioner Moore.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

County Attorney Marsden Bellamy notified the board that under an act of the last general assembly the board was required to elect a chairman at the first regular meeting in December of each year.

Commissioner Nixon nominated Chairman F. W. Foster for chairman, and by request Commissioner Alexander put the motion and Chairman Foster was declared unanimously elected.

Chairman Foster informed the board that he had intended to present his annual report but as he had not received the report from the city hospital he would make his report later. He informed the board that the range, pump and radiators at the county home are now in perfect order; the jail had been whitewashed and the waterworks are being repaired. He stated that the city hospital had been supplied with some new furniture, beds, and bedding, the range overhauled, the repairs to the buildings completed, the old well which had developed into a stench pool, filled up and a well with a driven pump had been sunk affording good water. Chairman Foster also announced that the office of Dr. Wm. D. McMillan, superintendent of health in the old court house, had been furnished with a stove and the necessary articles asked for.

Chairman Foster stated to the board that since the last meeting he had signed checks for \$14,075 to pay off the county's floating debt, that there was now no floating indebtedness, and that it was thought there would be sufficient funds with which to conduct the county's affairs during the coming fiscal year ending on the 1st of next December. He said the tax levy for county purposes was now within a fraction of a cent of 50 per cent less than the levy last year—the levy being 32 cents on the \$100 valuation against 47 cents last year.

The poll tax charged against A. E. McKeithan was remitted, being a non resident, his residence being at Rocky Mount.

Aaron Shepard and John Asheley, colored, were exempted from poll tax on account of physical disability, and

Berkeley Williams, colored, on account of overage.

William Usher, colored, of Harnett township, who is a charge of the county, asked to be supplied with an ox, but action was postponed.

The board declined to exempt John Low, colored, from poll tax, on account of his having lost two fingers on his left hand.

Dr. Wm. D. McMillan, county superintendent of health, submitted his report for the month of November. During the month he prescribed for 248 patients in the health office and made eighty-nine visits to sixty patients at their homes. He says he finds the jail much improved since last report but still wants cleaning. Cuspidors should be placed in the corridors and halls. The average number of prisoners in the jail was twenty-seven. Dr. McMillan reports that the county home is well kept and the comfort of the inmates is strictly looked after; the food is varied, abundant, clean, and wholesome, and the quarters warm and comfortable. He states, however, that the discipline is slack, and indulgent, too much so, and the general management should be changed to something like discipline. The heater in the insane department, he says, is working nicely, but the heater in the main building is a thing of the past. If it were in working order we would have the most perfect, complete and best equipped almshouse in the state.

After his report had been read Dr. McMillan stated that Ed Fisher, colored, an escaped prisoner, on Sunday had attacked and badly wounded Mr. James Noble, the foreman of the workhouse who had attempted to arrest him. Dr. McMillan said he had not seen the wound in the foreman's head, and the whole thing had resulted from improper discipline. He recommended that the superintendent of the home be required to call the roll and account for the prisoners once or twice a day, and that better discipline be inaugurated. He said he did not complain of the superintendent, for he was one of the kindest and biggest hearted men he ever knew, but he was too much so.

On motion of Chairman Foster, Dr. McMillan was authorized to draw up rules and regulations for the government of the home.

Register of Deeds C. W. Norwood submitted his annual report, showing that during the fiscal year ending December 1st, he issued 296 marriage licenses to 117 white couples and 179 to colored couples. During the month of November he issued eighteen marriage licenses and turned over to the county treasurer \$17.10 in fees for the same.

Colonel John D. Taylor, clerk of the superior court, reported that in the month of November he received and collected corporation tax for the charter of the Merchants and Farmers Steamboat Line. He also submitted his annual report showing that there are \$2,617.91 of public school funds in his hands, including trust funds.